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Applicant: ZAVIALOV et al. Conf.: 7527  
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For: COMPOSITIONS FOR ENHANCING  
IMMUNOSUPPRESSANTS' PHARMACEUTICAL ACTIVITIES

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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July 23, 2003

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action issued March 24, 2003, the due date for responding having been extended for one (1) month to July 24, 2003, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim.

1. (Four Times Amended) A composition comprising immunosuppressants, cyclosporins, FK506, or rapamycin and at least one bioactive peptide comprising the high-affinity binding/anti-lymphoproliferative site of interferons  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\omega$ ,  $\tau$ , or recombinant

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proteins carrying one or more of the sequences comprising the structures of said bioactive peptides for the aim of amplification of immunosuppressants' activities to decrease their therapeutic dose, and as the consequence to avoid their undesirable side effects during organ and tissue transplantation.